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MEMORANDUM FOR: Inspector General

SUBJECT: Report of the Investigations Division of
Senate Appropriations Committee

1. Unless there are some angles I do not appreciate I do not see that this Report of the Investigations Division of Senate Appropriations Committee has much to do with CIA. The major problem is the concern of State Department and the cost of its reporting activities pertaining to the "comprehensive economic reporting programs," known as CERP. The greatest users of these reports, other than the Department of State, are the Departments of Commerce and Agriculture, followed in order by Treasury, Interior, Labor, Tariff Commission and the Central Intelligence Agency which, as the report states, "use the service to some extent and are also to a measure served indirectly through requests made through the Commerce Department."

2. The section on recommendations states that "a survey should be made by these agencies to determine what actual use has been made of reports to date, both by Government agencies and by private firms and individuals." Such a survey should assist in screening future requests, cutting down on economic reporting, reducing cost, and instructing field personnel to exercise greater selectivity in choice of subject matter. State Department has the action in initiating such a survey. The most interested Office is ORR, since it is mostly the economic reporting program that is under fire. The report has been brought to the attention of Mr. Otto Guthe.

3. There is no criticism or recommendation concerning the "Alert List" which consists of a series of items which do not require reporting with a fixed frequency, but on which the embassy is to report when any significant developments occur. It is generally regarded in OCI, the most important user in the Agency, that coverage, while spotty in some areas, is for the most part adequate.

4. If CIA, as one of the interested agencies, is called on to participate in the survey the action, of course, should fall on the DD/I.

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